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In re Application of

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For: Recombinant F1-V Plague Vaccine

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Response

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Advisory Action dated April 22, 2003 in the subject application.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 12-17, and 31 are pending. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12-17, and 31 have been allowed.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable

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